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Symphony has new contract

Donations will preserve most of the 2017-18 season

By David Hendricks
STAFF WRITER

The Symphony Society of San Antonio has approved a new contract with the San Antonio Symphony's musicians union to help complete the 2017-18 season, Kathleen Vale, the Sym-

phony Society's board chairwoman, announced Friday afternoon.

The contract agreement was finalized by the Symphony Society board Friday after terms were tentatively reached Wednesday and approved by the orchestra's 72 players Thursday.

Donations continue to mount daily, so far more than \$700,000, to keep the financially struggling orchestra performing this season, Vale added.

The new contract extends the base salary paid during the San Antonio Symphony's first four months of this season, which

was an extension of last season's pay scale. The base pay is \$1,120 per week for a season shortened to 26 weeks from an originally envisioned 30 weeks, said violinist Craig Sorgi, negotiating chairman of Musicians of the San Antonio Symphony.

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Chairwoman Kathleen Vale says donations are coming in for the symphony.



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Frank Pomeroy of Sutherland Springs Baptist Church marries Morgan and Kyle Workman at a chapel in Comfort.

WEDDING IN TRAGEDY'S WAKE

Two survivors of Sutherland Springs shooting tie the knot

By Silvia Foster-Frau
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Unitia "Nish" Harris held up her daughter's wedding dress on Thursday, hours before she would get married: "So does she plan on an instant growth spurt?"

The dress, colored a nontraditional black and decorated with intricate white flowers, would have been a good length for heels.

But Morgan Harris tried on her heels that day, and her ankle buckled — her muscles haven't regained their strength after she got shot twice in her left leg during the Sutherland Springs massacre on Nov. 5.

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Kris Workman and his wife, Colbey, laugh as she sits on his lap in mid dance. Kris was shot during the church attack.

Former head of SA300 also to quit as city employee

By Josh Baugh
STAFF WRITER

Edward Benavides, the controversial former executive director of San Antonio's Tricentennial Commission who stepped down in November but remained a highly paid city employee, has decided to quit rather than be reassigned to a different city position, according to a memo sent from City Manager Sheryl Sculley to the City Council on Friday.

But under the terms of his separation agreement, Benavides will continue to earn his \$6,529 bi-weekly salary through the end of March, and he'll continue to collect car and cellphone allowances as well. In exchange, Benavides will be available to answer any questions about his work on the Tricentennial and agrees to disparage neither the city nor the Tricentennial. If he does, it'll cost him \$1,500 per occurrence.

Since November, Benavides has been on paid leave, using accrued time he earned over his past two decades as a city employee. He stepped down after substantial criticism over his handling of contracts and what some said was an aloof and arbitrary management style.

Benavides declined to comment Friday, saying that his letter of resignation speaks for itself. He says in the letter dated Thursday that he has been a career public servant, mostly with the city of San Antonio.

"The majority of my career has been dedicated to the City of San Antonio and the organization served an integral role in my public service career as evidenced by increasing professional growth opportunities over the course of my

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Edward Benavides was the CEO of the city's tricentennial celebration.

Supreme Court to hear Texas redistricting case in the spring

By Allie Morris
AUSTIN BUREAU

The years-long legal fight over Texas' political maps is expected to go before the U.S. Supreme Court for oral argument this spring, creating the possibility that some of the state's congressional and state House districts might be scrambled before the November

elections.

One of the affected congressional districts, District 35 represented by Democrat Lloyd Doggett, includes parts of San Antonio and Austin, linked by a narrow band along Interstate 35.

The Supreme Court agreed Friday to take up the redistricting case, which centers on state political maps that advocacy

groups argue were drawn to intentionally dilute minorities' voting power. The court didn't set a hearing date for oral arguments, but court observers say it likely will be in April with a decision coming by late June, when the court's term ends.

"We are expecting ... a decision before the November elections," said Rolando Rios, an

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Trump at home and abroad

The president flies to Florida on Friday. Where he will not be going is London for the upcoming opening of the new U.S. Embassy. He has declared it a bad deal. **A8**

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Most winter gardeners got their harvest picked before freeze. **Calvin Finch, C14**

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